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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

With a population of twelve hundred, Sweet Springs boasts fifteen persons more than 80 years old.

Jackson will celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary this year, beginning August 17, and continue three days.

Farmers in Cooper county have distributed in the past eighteen months more than 500 tons of ground limestone on their farms.

The Commercial Club at Charleston is considering the proposition of oiling some of the county roads leading into that city.

Death has all seasons for its own, but at that it hasn't very much on the Richmond hardware dealer who sold ten stoves last week.

The Ashland church in Howard county will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary next November, it being one of the oldest churches in the state.

Young women of Rich Hill appeared in the park there the other day with rakes and brooms and did a job of house cleaning. The park is now spick and span.

The Frisco railroad system was sold at public auction in St. Louis, July 19. The sale price was \$45,700,200. The lawyers interested in the proceeding got \$282,000.

The North Missouri newspaper that carried the headline announcing that Bryan had been nominated for the president explains in a later issue that it was merely a force of habit.

Twenty-four violent deaths in Jasper county in June were reported by the county coroner. The reports show nine deaths by drowning, three suicides and one murder.

Doubling the political story that a candidate shipped out liquor in coffins, the Leeton Times says if the story were true more persons would be going in to the undertaking business.

The Methodist Assembly convened at Arcadia July 8th and will be in session until the 23rd. The new tabernacle will seat 1500 people. Rev. Elmer T. Clark of St. Louis will be platform manager.

A Peculiar business man told the Harrisonville Democrat's correspondent that he saw more smooth faced men in town Sunday than he ever seen there before. Investigation showed that Peculiar now has a regular barber.

Being tried for murdering a fellow convict, H. L. Courtwright was acquitted by a Jefferson City jury. He shook hands with and thanked all the jurors, and was then taken back to the penitentiary to finish serving out his term.

All of sixteen quail eggs hatched when John A. Bradford, living near Mabel, set them under a bantam hen when he found the quail's nest in the field. The foster mother is considerably busier than a hen with sixteen chickens.

After displaying all the courage needed to conquer a real reptile, a Cape Girardeau motorist learned that the "snake" he had

killed was only a rubber tire which lay half hidden in the dust where it doubtless had fallen from some passing buggy.

Can Butler county hens be educated to lay engraved tomb stones and marble busts? The Poplar Bluff Citizen-Democrat thinks it possible and bases its opinion on recent incidents of local chicken yards. Some time ago a poultry fancier brought to town for exhibition an egg and its shell bore in raised letters, "War, July 1, 1916." It was a wonder. Some one in examining the egg let it fall to the floor and it did not break. That was wonder No. 2. Then another chicken raiser came along, bringing another raised lettered egg. This was after July 1. The egg bore the inscription, "Your hen lied."

Leading a fish to land with a halter is the achievement of Ervin K. Russell of Cass county, who one day this week while swimming located a 32-pound catfish in a hollow log. Calling to his son to bring a rope, Mr. Russell kept the fish a prisoner until the boy arrived with a halter with which the fish was led ashore. Through the Harrisonville Democrat it is suggested that the next time Mr. Russell goes swimming he should take along a saddle and bridle in order to be prepared for emergencies.

A fatal and shocking accident occurred in Mound City, July 4, in which Fay DeLong, the little eight-year-old son of Frank DeLong, was almost instantly killed. The little fellow was riding behind an ice wagon, on the running board, when a chunk of ice slipped and fell, and rolled against the chain, used across the end of the wagon to hold the ice in, breaking the chain, knocking the boy off to the ground, the heavy chunk of ice striking him on the head, crushing in his skull, death resulting in a few moments.

According to the Cape Girardeau Daily Tribune, a local pastor at that place has resigned his position on account of charges filed against him by several physicians, who allege that he used their private offices for the examination of young girls of his congregation who were about to wed to ascertain if their physical condition was perfect.

The Missouri Supreme Court rendered an opinion this week declaring illegal the election recently held in Pike county which voted \$75,000 for a court house at Louisiana and \$25,000 for a court house at Bowling Green. The court held that the two propositions should have been submitted separately.

At Skidmore women are eligible to membership in the gun club and are proving themselves more than mere novices at trap shooting. In a recent match the "high gun" among the men was 19 out of 25. Among the women the best score was only two less.

The old Wheeler Savings Bank at Brookfield opened its doors Saturday under another name and is now the Brookfield Trust Company with an increase in capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The officers and management are not changed.

Atkinson's Nomination Means Success; Democrats Realize His Great Strength

The amazing growth in the strength of Hon. John Morgan Atkinson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri, is startling professional politicians. On all sides their surprise is manifested, but it seems that they are unable to block it in any way. The reason for this is the fact that the Democrats of Missouri are demanding that their candidate be free from cliques, combinations and rings.

Friends of John Morgan Atkinson only ask that the contest for the Democratic nomination be settled according to the merits of the candidates—not affected by mawkish appeals or influenced by promises that are impossible of fulfillment, but are merely molasses being spread to catch flies.

This matter of selecting a Governor of Missouri is a matter of very great importance and every Missouri Democrat should give the matter serious consideration before casting his ballot on August 1.

The matter of party success should be the first consideration and a man should be selected whose record is such as to cause all classes to have confidence in him. John Morgan Atkinson has a record and it is such that every Missouri Democrat can point to it with pride—it is such a



JOHN MORGAN ATKINSON, Candidate for Democratic Nomination for Governor.

A wheat field twice under water this season still looks to the Summer Star as if it were good for more than forty bushels to the acre.

Picking pickles will so be the order of the day in the Ozark cucumber patches, which contributed nearly four hundred bushels to salting stations this week. Approximately seven hundred acres in the Ozarks are devoted to raising cucumbers for pickling, and the yield will be at its maximum within the next ten days.

A Cape Girardeau motorist, returned from a spin in the country minus his own hat, was wearing another man's headgear and announced that it felt on his head when the car was in a smash. That sort of a story was all right in Elisha's day, but never makes much impression when told in police court.

A Mississippi river fisherman sold at Canton a spoon-bill cat fish that brought \$15. The eggs taken from the fish amounted to \$13.50 in value. These were shipped to New York to be made into real Russian caviare. Before the war they would have been sent to Russia for that purpose but since the war Missouri catfish is made into a Russian caviare in New York.

A barn that might be mistaken for a cathedral has just been completed for Joseph F. Schaal of Lexington and is rated the most modern structure of its kind in Lafayette county. The windows in the barn are stained glass, having been obtained from a church recently remodeled. Floors, foundations and mangers are of concrete construction and room is afforded for storing twenty-five carloads of hay.

good one that it is a platform within itself.

Read it for yourself. Here it is:

He served three terms in the legislature. Was Democratic floor leader in 1905 and was unanimously elected speaker in 1907. Under his leadership and with his active support much good legislation was enacted, including the abolishment of race track gambling, establishment of juvenile court, pure food and drug act, primary election law, fellow servant law for mine workers, laws providing for safeguarding employees and passengers on railroads, and the establishment of the tuberculosis sanatorium.

As an assistant attorney general he successfully prosecuted the Lumber Trust, securing a fine of \$458,000; proved the validity of the option stamp act and grain weighing law, which has saved the farmers of Missouri \$1,000,000 annually.

As chairman of the Public Service Commission he proved himself, as always before, a champion for the rights of the masses with the motto "A Square Deal to All" uppermost in his mind at all times.

John Morgan Atkinson stands squarely before the people as a Democrat—he resigned his office before becoming a candidate for the governorship; he stands for law enforcement without regard to interests or individuals; he stands for good roads and believes that convicts in the state prison should be employed in building them; he recommends the adoption of a new constitution or a revision of the present one; he would reform conditions affecting the state eleemosynary institutions; he stands for a reformatory for youthful first offenders instead of placing them with hardened criminals; he is opposed to nepotism and has always been; he favors a wise and just workmen's compensation measure and is in accord with the best thought of the state in other matters at issue.

John Morgan Atkinson is a big powerful, forceful man whose future conduct in office is indicated by what he has done in the past. He is the sort of man YOU would trust with YOUR PRIVATE BUSINESS. He asks for your support in his campaign for Governor on his record and you can rest assured that his every action in the future will cause you no regret. VOTE FOR ATKINSON. HE WILL MAKE GOOD.

Ernest A. Green.

One of the candidates for the nomination for the office of Attorney-general of the state, is Ernest A. Green, now located in St. Louis and engaged in the practice of law in that city.



Mr. Green, for several years after he graduated from college and had been admitted to the bar followed his profession at Poplar Bluff, where his family had lived for several years, his father being a very prominent attorney and now located in St. Louis. While Mr. Green was practicing law at the Bluff he and J. C. Sheppard formed a law partnership and practiced until he decided to go to St. Louis. Mr. Green is well known to our business people and many of our country citizens, and is not only a bright and able young man but has been an assistant attorney-general under John T. Barker, for some years past. He is a splendid campaigner and has been and is making a great contest against his opponents, Hon.

Frank McAllister and Joseph T. Davis, of St. Louis, both of them able, capable and eminent. Mr. Green is as strong mentally as either his opponents, and his experience in the law is as great as either.

He has the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances and should receive a big vote in this section—Southeast Missouri.

John T. Wayland.

One of the very important state offices to be filled at the election in November next is that of State Auditor, and there are three candidates for the position, viz: John P. Gordon, the present incumbent of the office who has already served two terms and is asking for the third, John L. Bradley, of Desloge, and John T. Wayland, of Kansas City.

Mr. Bradley was a candidate four years ago and was beaten by Mr. Gordon, who was asking for his second term.

Mr. Wayland is a young man,



a lawyer, able and a first-class business man. It is his first race for a public office, and in speaking of his candidacy and the contest for the office, the Glasgow Missourian, published in Howard county, near the center of the state, in a recent issue, and the DEMOCRAT endorses the sentiment therein, says: Some Democratic papers in the southwestern counties are urging a third term for State Auditor John P. Gordon on the ground that he has made a most satisfactory official, as though the Democratic party could not provide another equally efficient. Such an assumption is ridiculous, of course, for there are many such in the State. Mr. Gordon, with the close of his present term, will have held the office of Auditor for eight years, long enough for any party to keep one man in office. John T. Wayland, who is asking the nomination for Auditor at the hands of the Democratic party which he has so long and faithfully served, is in every way as well qualified as the present incumbent, is as deserving a Democrat, and has never held a State office. Would it not be unfair to turn Mr. Wayland down to extend the present incumbent's tenure of office to twelve years? We hold that two terms is ample for any official, and to grant more is to stop other and equally worthy members of the party from achieving a laudable ambition to serve the people. Furthermore, if Mr. Wayland is given the nomination, as we hope he will be, he will not embarrass or hamper the success of the rest of the ticket by having to defend himself against charges reflecting on him as an official, regardless of whether such charges are founded on fact. There should be no weak points in the ticket this year, and we are confident that the nomination of John T. Wayland for State

Auditor would materially add to the strength of the Democratic State ticket this fall.

Baked gumbo mud is fine ballast for railroads, but in its original state no use for it has been found until recently, when a Nodaway county man used handfuls of it to extinguish his motor car when it took fire on a road run.

Governor Major has offered a reward of \$300 for the apprehension and conviction of the person who killed Loyd Porter in his home near Albany on the night of June 22. The county court of Gentry county has offered a similar reward.

Art Clark doesn't claim to be much of a gardener, in fact, he runs more to hogs than to vegetation, but he has a cabbage at his place in South Sheldon which measures fifty-four inches across or at least did the first of the week, and may be larger now.—Sheldon Enterprise.

Saved by a cream can is the explanation Grant City folks are handing about as to why L. C. Wayman wasn't killed when his motor car turned over on top of him. A heavy cream can accompanied Mr. Wayman and held the weight of the car, which otherwise would have crushed him.

GIRL SOME RAPID KISSER

Give Miss Mary Hainsey a Little Time and Perhaps She Would Treat the Whole Army.

Clearfield, Pa.—With patriotism and cheeks aflame, Miss Mary Hainsey, nineteen years old, and one of the city's prettiest girls, kissed 971 soldiers belonging to the Sixth Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, when the three sections of the train on their way to the Mexican border stopped here. The regiment when it left Mt. Gretna numbered 1,031 men; consequently sixty men, through no fault of their own, failed to get a kiss from Pennsylvania's most thoroughly kissed maiden.

Daring fate, Miss Hainsey stood on the platform of a car of the third section until the train was moving. She then jumped into the arms of Chief of Police McHenry, who saved her from injury.

The engine driver had spotted a clean score and sixty soldiers continued on their way unharmed.

WHISKY IN FENCE POSTS

Georgia Moonshiners Find New and Novel Way of Concealing "Black-ade Corn."

The versatility of the dispenser of moonshine whisky in Atlanta, Ga., is shown by a recent exposure when 15 pints of "blockade corn" were discovered in hollow fence posts in the rear of a barber shop. The posts were standing about 12 feet above the ground. They were so big and square that they aroused the suspicion of the detectives. One of them tapped a post with his leather billy. It gave forth a hollow sound and the investigations were pushed further.

Ten holes, each large enough to hide and each hiding two pint bottles of liquor, were found in the posts. The originator of the ingenious storing place had taken an auger and after boring the holes large enough to hold two pints, had covered the posts with fence planks in regular high board fence manner.

CARUSO MAY JOIN COLORS

Tenor Likely to Give Up Singing if War Lasts Another Year.

Florence, Italy.—Should the war endure another year, Enrico Caruso probably will be called to the Italian colors. The singer is back recreating at his summer villa in the Florentine suburbs.

Caruso belongs to the class of '73. The men of '93 are under arms. The tenor had a touch of war on his recent voyage from America. He sailed on a French liner, which during the last day of its journey to Bordeaux was busy avoiding German submarines.

Caruso is most concerned with the problem of reducing. He thinks he has solved it. Five pounds melted away from him in as many days. His plan is five hours of daily cross-country walking in either rain or sun.